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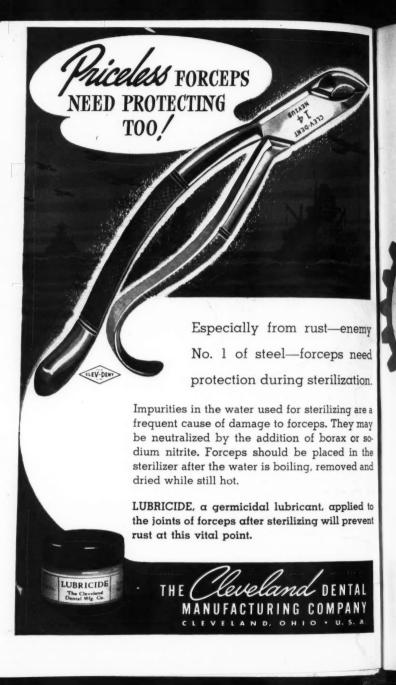
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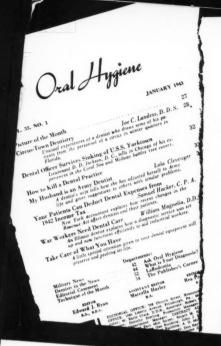
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THE "ILLUSTRATED" CORNERS, started month before last, will have to be interrupted for a month, because this one is a bit on the serious side.

When the April Corner appeared, passing along some Negro stories, Doctor Samuel D. Moskowitz of Brooklyn wrote to protest that their publication was a blow at national unity. Doctor V. A. M. MacKinnon, a dentist of Roxbury, Massachusetts, wrote a similar letter, as did a Negro dentist here in Pittsburgh who did not sign his name. I wrote at length to both Doctor MacKinnon and Doctor Moskowitz, and thought I'd let it go at that. But now there's another letter, from Doctor Louis Lerman of Philadelphia, so I concluded that I would print something about this correspondencein fact, print the substance of my replies as this month's CORNER:

The trouble with humor, or socalled humor, is that what is funny to me may not be funny to you or to someone else; and what is funny to you or to someone else, may not strike me the same way. Yet, nowadays, more than ever, the world needs humor.

If the stories in the April Cor-NER offended anyone, I am sorry. They were not intended to offend. The CORNER is not like that, as anyone knows if he has read it with any regularity.

Far from being unfriendly to members of the Negro race, Oral Hygiene has been one dental magazine that has drawn no color line. When we had the opportunity to do so, we reported some time ago the activities of their organization, the National Dental Association. And Negro dentists have been listed for Oral Hygiene whenever their names could be obtained.

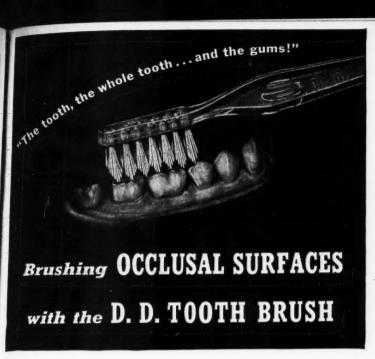
The Dave Lane who sent in two of the stories is a real friend of the colored people. Through his generosity, colored people in his town were able to build their own church, which I attended with him one Sunday evening a few years ago when I was down South. Later, I wrote a good-natured, realistic account of the incident for the CORNER, and it so pleased the pastor that he read it to the congregation.

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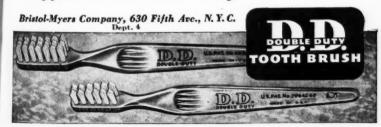
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no more reason to resent it than I should resent humor based upon the humorous aspects of the white race. After all, the lion's share of the humor that is printed is at the expense of the white race.

I think that a real danger to national unity would be created if members of any race were to adopt the attitude that anything humorous about them—the type of humor that has prevailed for a century or more—were now to be considered, after all these long years, as unfriendly.

The Nazis and the Fascists could not exist as such if they were possessed of a sense of humor. A prime factor of their despicable philosophy is their taking themselves so seriously. In my opinion at least, a fundamental of mental hygiene is the habit of not taking oneself seriously—in realizing that we are all of us, regardless of race or color, rather ludicrous.

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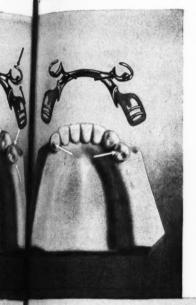
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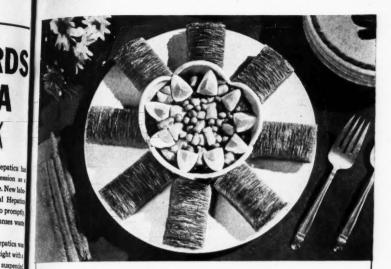


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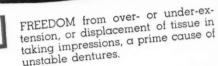
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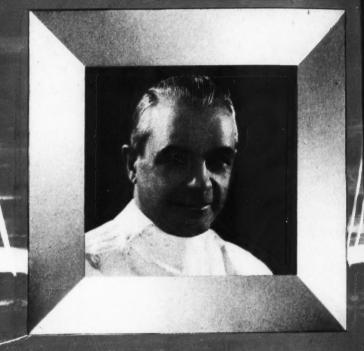
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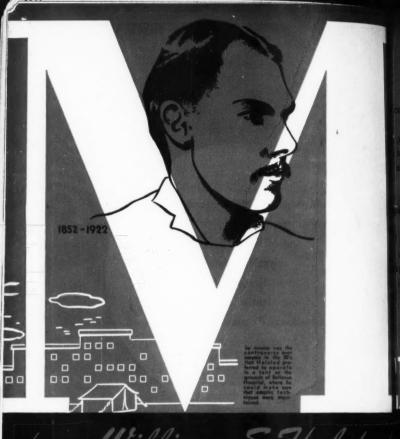
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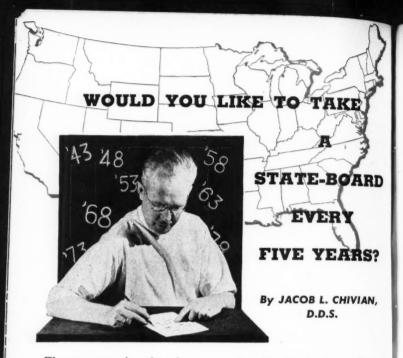
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War Bond Queen Mildred Jestrab, pins a war stamp boutonniere on Doctor Thomas McDermott, President of the Ohio State Dental Society. Miss Jestrab, a dancer in the Alpine Village in Cleveland, will be assisted by Wacs, Waves, and Spars in selling war bonds at the Ohio State Meeting in November. This photograph was made by Doctor Howard A. Hartman, Cleveland, who has charge of war bond sales campaign for the State Meeting.

Ten dollars will be paid for the picture used in this department each month. Send your contributions with return postage to Oral Hygiene, 708 Church Street, Evanston, Illinois.



WE ARE OFTEN forced to the conclusion that there are more bad dentists in this country than good ones-bad, here, referring not to morals, but to professional skill. This dental paradox of much bad mixed with some good is found in the United States, whose fame for the highest type of dentistry is known and appreciated the world over. More poor dentistry is found in the mouths of our citizens than conditions warrant. Disregarding social strata and financial ability or inability to pay for adequate or excellent professional services, the type of restorations so often seen is a sad reflection on the ability and honesty of too many in the profession.

I realize that dentists are human beings and, as such, are entitled to and have all the virtues and some of the vices of a cross-section of any other professional or business group. We know there are more lawyers of average or less ability than those of Supreme Court timber. We know, too, there are, unfortunately, more average practitioners in medicine than those of professorial rank. This is a law of nature—average in the majority, supermen in the minority.

Being an average dentist myself, makes me want to regard Nature's law of averages as applying to all other groups except dentistry. I would like to see many more supermen in dentistry who are capable Augu:

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of and are performing more superdentistry for more appreciative Americans.

Examining dentists for the Selective Service Boards reluctantly admit that much of the dentistry they see is a shame and a disgrace. Selective Service examinations offer a splendid opportunity to evaluate the dentistry of a large portion of the men of this country-the rich. the poor and the great middle class -all nephews of Uncle Sam. This ratio of more bad dentistry than good may be found daily at any hospital or university clinic. The same situation may also be seen in most average general practices. Much service is given with which we would be embarrassed to have our names associated.

Examine Yourself

The dentist who carves beautiful gold inlays, but overlooks an advanced periodontal condition; the one who "plugs" two or three surface cavities with silver, but with no matrix band; the creator of partial denture monstrosities; the busy man who hails the panacea of the "new" cements for restoring children's teeth—of this type of practitioner I ask, "Can you, in the privacy of your professional soul, answer the following questions?

"Are you, in all honesty, fully qualified to practice ethical dentistry today? If, in order to continue to merit the privilege of working at your profession, you were requested by your State Board of Examination and Registration in Dentistry to appear next month for practical re-examinations, how would you rate in performance?

"Could you insert a gold restoration in a Class II, III, or IV cavity? Could you prepare a vital, anterior tooth for a porcelain jacket crown? Could you prepare properly a posterior tooth for a cast gold crown? Could you process the cast gold crown, from impression through completion? Could you recognize the early, clinical signs of periodontoclasia? Could you build an impression for an efficient, stable lower complete denture? Could you perform an apicoectomy? Could you prepare a typical three-quarter crown? Could you administer analgesia?"

These questions are asked in an attempt to learn whether or not we have progressed during the past year. As with the marital state, our profession has taken us "for better or for worse." We have either progressed or regressed. There is no marking time in dentistry. Today we are better fitted professionally to practice dentistry than we were on the first day of our licensure—or we are not. Have the passing years brought a ripe, seasoned, mellowed judgment in dentistry, or has dental progress passed us by?

The universities have done their part in preparing dentists to prac-

tice modern, ethical dentistry. They have trained men and women in the proper habits of good dentistry, hoping that these habits would continue to guide their graduates throughout long, useful careers.

The dental societies (to which every single one of us should belong) have done their part in continuing the work of the universities by offering splendid programs and unparalleled postgraduate courses. Every society in the country has offered bigger and better programs for the continuous education of the dentist this year.

Inferior Dentistry

Despite this splendid background offered by the university and the society, I am convinced that Americans are not receiving the best dentistry which American dentists can produce. Many men for various reasons do not give their best. Still others cannot, today, produce the highest type of dentistry.

In an endeavor to keep American dentistry on an ever higher plane and to assure the American public the highest type of service, I submit the following plan to elevate the intellectual dental level and the mechanical skill of every practicing dentist.

Let every State Board require every licensed, practicing dentist to submit himself once in every five years for re-examination in practical dentistry. I cannot see why a dentist should be licensed in perpetuity without proving himself upon occasion.

The re-examination should be confined to practical, every-day dentistry as performed in a hightype, ethical practice. There should be no re-examinations in non-dental. never-used theory. The anatomy of the toe, the fetal circulation. the composition of the urine, the chemical composition of the gastric juice-such information can be obtained in a moment from the appropriate textbooks found in every dentist's library. Re-examinations should be up-to-date, enabling the dentist to use current dental thought.

The mechanics and working details for this plan can be arranged by meetings of the best dental minds in the country. It is not an insoluble problem. Leaders from the profession, eminent specialists, university professorial staffs, representatives of examining boards, all could confer and work out a living plan.

I favor the plan of re-examining the dentist in his own office, under actual, practical working conditions. In this way it would be possible to see if the dentist has the necessary sterilizing equipment for sanitary purposes, and a sufficient number of proper instruments to do a good job. Although good instruments do not make a good dentist, the fact remains that, to be efficient, a dentist needs good tools. The method of approach, diagnosis, and treatment of a patient could be observed. The fairest test, with the least inconvenience to the operator, could thus be assured. Working in

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familiar surroundings, in the privacy of his own office, the dentist, psychologically and professionally, could give his best to his selected patients.

Many state boards require yearly registration fees in order to check upon the qualifications of every licensed practitioner. Checking your professional qualifications usually consists of seeing whether or not your license is displayed conspicuously in the operating room-when and if such a check is ever made. If necessary, raise these annual registration fees in order to insure an adequate supply of qualified examiners to carry out these re-examinations, in order to weed out the legal practitioner who is "gypping" an unsuspecting public by not keeping up with the times. This plan would force every man to keep modem and up-to-date, through constantly reading dental literature, through steady attendance at dental society meetings, clinics, conventions and postgraduate courses.

Re-examine Specialists

Specialists in the various branches of dentistry would be

compelled to register with and be re-examined in the same way by specialty boards. A start has been made in this direction by requiring a candidate for a specialist's or expert's title to present his qualifications before specialty boards in orthodontia and periodontia in order to become a diplomate of such board.

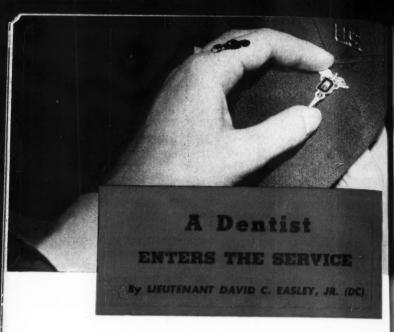
No more would a practitioner put away his books permanently. No more would it be possible for a dentist to practice ten or twenty or thirty years never to be seen at a dental society meeting. No more would dentistry be practiced as it was upon the day of graduation. Then would his graduation day be, in truth, a "commencement day" in the ethical practice of dentistry.

Every man should be a candidate for re-examination in practical dentistry every five years in order to deserve the privilege of practicing modern, ethical dentistry in this modern day. And every man should pass his re-examination with flying colors!

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THIS STORY WON \$100

THE FORTHRIGHT article by Jacob L. Chivian, D.D.S., wins this month's ORAL HYGIENE award of \$100. Every month this magazine offers a prize for the best article published. For details of the contest see page 1107.



I have been in the Army since February, 1942. I'm new enough to remember well my first thoughts and reactions and old enough to be an old-timer. For fifteen years I had been happy practicing in my home town. It was not a city nor a hick town—just an average community of 10,000 where everyone had lots of friends and a few enemies, and a town where, when sickness came, the neighbors could be seen crossing the street carrying a plate covered with a napkin.

And all at once—a commission in the dental reserve had been extended and I was subject to active duty in the Army. Less than a month after I received this news a calm, deliberate voice calling from Atlanta said to report to the 68th

Medical Regiment, Camp Forrest, Tennessee — how soon could I leave? My pulse rate increased; my mind stopped functioning; I stuttered; I mumbled—the date was set for me by the voice. It's quite a shock to a meek, peace-loving, home-loving dentist with a wife and three children and a seventy-four year old father-in-law to be told suddenly to break loose, drop his handpiece, close his office, make a will, and start a military life.

Although delayed five days by the illness of two of my children finally I was ready to leave. My head was swimming and I was out of breath as I climbed on the train headed for camp. All kinds of thoughts milled through my mind as the train clicked off the miles. August, 19

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Military life soon modifies civilian habits of thought and action.

Why had this happened? Who'd take care of my patients and finish the treatments just begun? How would my family get along on my reduced income? How long would I be gone? What would my superior officers be like? What work would I do and under what conditions?

Much to my surprise all my former patients seem to be eating just as well as ever; my family are still clothed and fed and are getting along nicely, thanks to the excellent management of my wife. The officers turned out to be a fine bunch of men. A grand old regular Army Colonel of the Medical Corps. twenty-six years in the service, and a father to all the officers and men of the regiment, was the commanding officer. A former auto-tire salesman was the adjutant and he made me feel at ease the moment I met him.

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The first things the Colonel told me shocked me a little just as they would have any average dentist.

"Son, you are a dentist no longer, not for the duration at least. You are a medical department officer. You will do very little dentistry here in a medical regiment, but you'll learn to enjoy the many other duties you will perform. It will be a big change for you, but it will be a vacation for you, too. Do not worry, but just do the very best you can

and I'll soon be as proud of you as I am of my other dental officers. I wouldn't give up a single dental officer I have as they are all good soldiers. They are better soldiers than the medical officers," the "old man" said to me.

In a short time I learned from the other officers how to wear my clothes and insignia, and the rudiments of military courtesy and discipline. I read numerous Field Manuals on various military subjects. Soon I was drilling the men, teaching classes on First Aid, Medical Aid, and Field Sanitation. I was going on marches of five. seven, nine, and then twelve miles. Much surprised I noticed my face looking healthier-more color and good and brown. Physically I was feeling better than I had in several vears. Mental readjustment took a little longer, but it came in time too.

Going to school was a change. First I went to the Bakers' and Cooks' school for a two weeks' course in mess management. Many dental officers serve as mess officers for their outfits. This was an interesting course—partly a review of nutrition and the rest about the Army way of cooking and serving food.

To Carlisle Barracks

Next I was sent to the Medical Field Service School at Carlisle Barracks, Carlisle, Pennsylvania for a two months course. A chill ran up my back as I marched over ground where soldiers have been trained for every major conflict in which we have fought during our national history. I enjoyed marching to classes twice a day to the marches played by a military band. I studied harder and later than when I was in dental school. The company of dentists was the best in the class too. A diploma, as well as the knowledge we had done our best, was our reward.

Back To Dentistry

On my return to camp the Colonel placed me in the camp dental clinic. I had never been away from my practice more than a week at a time, and here it was several months since I had used a handpiece. Twenty new chairs and units in a line with twenty dentists working with earnestness is a thrilling sight to see. We were doing bread-and-butter dentistry—plastic restora-

tions with the best of materials and extractions.

Now it was time for maneuvers, which is an extended camping trip, where I rediscovered the beauty of the stars, the sunrises and sunsets. I'm back in camp again and the training program is on in full strength. Many officers and men have gone out with other units and new ones have taken their places. All over the world they are a credit to their profession.

I am one of thousands of such dentists. Theirs is no greater sacrifice than mine or mine no greater than theirs. But it is worth the sacrifice as will be seen in a few years. I'm proud of the dentists of the United States. They are coming through in a laudable fashion, both the group in the Service and the group at home.

68th Medical Regiment Camp Forrest, Tennessee

WESTON A. PRICE TO BE HONORED

EXTENSIVE PLANS are being made by the Cleveland Dental Society to honor Doctor Weston A. Price with a testimonial dinner on his retirement from active practice. The dinner will be held on Thursday evening, October seventh, at the Hotel Statler, Cleveland. All members of the American Dental Association and allied groups are invited to attend. Doctor Thomas J. Hill, Western Reserve University, is Chairman of the dinner committee.

After fifty years of dental practice in Cleveland, accompanied by intensive research and writing for dental publications, Doctor Price will retire to California. He plans to continue his investigations on the relation of diet to dental and other diseases.

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WE NEED Dental Hygienists

By L. M. SMITH, M.D.

Are
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By CHARLES L. HATCHER, D.D.S.

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In the May issue of Oral Hygienes an article appears entitled "Are Dental Hygienists a Menace?," written by Charles L. Hatcher, D.D.S. I am of the opinion that Doctor Hatcher has not had sufficient experience with the service of dental hygienists or possibly, in the course of his practice, he has been embittered by an unprofessional action on the part of a dental hygienist.

In my position, as Director of School Health Service in the city of Pittsburgh, I have developed just the opposite opinion of dental hygienists to the one expressed by Doctor Hatcher.

In the health program of the Pittsburgh Public Schools we have forty-six physicians, thirty-seven nurses, fourteen dental clinics with a dentist and dental assistant in each clinic and four dental hygienists. Our dental clinics for underprivileged children have been in operation for almost twenty-five years, and I am sorry to say that we were not getting any place with the oral hygiene situation by doing corrective dentistry alone. Dentists

should keep in mind the fact that the dental hygienist bears almost the same relation to the dentist as a nurse bears to the physician. Her duties and field of service are necessarily limited and should be considered as primarily educational. The examination and diagnosis of dental defects among children is intended to give them a foundation on which they build their educational program.

I have found from experience that dental hygienists:

 Reduce immeasurably the amount of dental service required in later years.

2. Train children to go to their private dentists.

3. Save the six-year molars which are the most important teeth in the child's mouth.

4. Prevent much unnecessary suffering and illness in later years of life.

Appreciably reduce the number of permanent teeth lost because of neglect.

Any dental program, to be successful, must include a preventive program as well as a corrective program. It is our purpose to have dental service performed by private dentists, and I have found that it is possible to accomplish this objective only by employing dental health educators. When we are able to create the desire among children for dental correction we are able to get results. Thus far we have used dental hygienists in the first, second, and third grades. These grades have children in the impres-

sionable age and we are passing them out of the third grade with a thorough knowledge of proper diet, a complete understanding of what we mean by good oral hygiene, also how to use a toothbrush and an almost unbelievable improvement in the amount of corrective dental service.

The first ten schools in this city examined by the dental hygienists revealed that more than 90 per cent of our children showed neglect of oral hygiene. In one school we had two rooms in which we found forty-three abscessed teeth. This condition has been improved sufficiently to convince me that the dental health problem among school children can be solved. Judging from our experience thus far, I am convinced that in a period of eight or ten years, somewhere between 75 per cent and 100 per cent of our children will leave the third grade, not only with the knowledge I have mentioned, but with all dental corrections completed.

In his article Doctor Hatcher asked the following question: "Will the public be benefited by the licensure of dental hygienists?" He answers this question with the word "No." I will answer the same question with an emphatic "Yes." There has never been a profession developed that was more needed or that has proved more valuable in the education of children than the profession of dental hygienist.

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the dental hygienists are certificated teachers specializing in dental health education. The only technical service that they perform is to examine teeth and in some districts provide prophylactic treatments. The provision of prophylactic treatment is, to my mind, unimportant but the examination of teeth, the dissemination of knowledge and the creation of desire on the part of children for dental service is extremely important. I know of communities where ten years ago 90 per cent of the children had bad oral hygiene, while today less than 9 per cent have unhealthy mouths, and all the dental service was performed by private dentists.

When you consider that approximately 21 per cent of the first two million draftees did not have twelve remaining permanent teeth with three opposing pairs, you must admit that it was high time that some method of educating the rising generation be developed. I give full credit to the dental profession for their activity in developing the profession of dental hygienist. Their constructive service has benefited the public immeasurably and also benefits the dental profession. The time will come when no school system will operate without a dental health educator.

Both physicians and dentists are accepting the idea gradually that unhealthy mouths might be the underlying cause of serious diseases such as rheumatism, heart disease, stomach ulcers, gall bladder disease

and, if cancer cells are present, may even be the exciting cause of cancer of the mouth, throat, and other parts of the alimentary tract. As a matter of fact, probably better than 90 per cent of all disease enters the body by way of the nose and mouth. Therefore, it is certainly time that we do something about the terrible oral hygiene situation that exists among the school children of our country. Judging from my experience in school health programs, I know that the dental hygienist is in the best position of all professional persons to bring about better dental health among the thirty million school children in this country. The greatest bottleneck in the Pittsburgh dental program is lack of private dentists who are willing to accept children for complete and thorough dentistry.

Doctor Hatcher advocates more education for dental hygienists. If we are going to provide more education for anybody in preventive health service, it should be provided for both the dental and medical professions. Both professions are still individualistic in their attitude and fail to visualize their great opportunity for improvement in general health. Dental hygienists do not and will not assume any of the prerogatives of dentists, but they do enhance the opportunity of the dental profession to be of real service in public health.

Pittsburgh Public Schools Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania



Your Fingerprints WILL PROTECT YOU

By HERMAN A. MORAN

PHONY-CHECK artists netted an annual "take" of \$3,000,000 in the years before Pearl Harbor. This sum, however, is small compared to their expectations for the coming years—considering the rise in national income with its fattened pocketbooks and checking accounts.

Are you going to be a victim? Not if you and your business associates use the weapon you have at your fingertips—a weapon powerful enough to make the cleverest forger and check-raiser in the country back off in alarm.

"Check men" in prisons all over the country are agreed on one point: the quickest and most effecUse of a simple device will protect you against forgery and bogus checks.

tive method of stamping out the check rackets is through the use of fingerprints. Law enforcement agencies hold the same view.

The procedure is simple. Before cashing a check for any one of whom you are not sure, insist that he place the imprint of his right forefinger on the front of the check. This is done by rolling the finger from side to side on the surface of an ordinary ink pad, being careful to ink the entire face of the finger and part of the sides. This procedure is then repeated on the front of the check. Make sure you can see

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No criminal cares to leave his calling card by placing his finger-print on his "bum" paper. He might as well call up the police and tell them who he is and who he has clipped. And there's no such thing as "beating the rap" when the law gathers him in. He convicted himself when he fingerprinted the check.

The same weapon will help you defeat the person who makes a good living by raising checks received in payment for something, or as a donation. If you haven't the proper check-writing equipment, and have occasion to give your check to a stranger, you should always place a clear impression of your right forefinger over the amount that is written in figures.

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This action will serve a two-fold purpose if you go a step further and register your fingerprint with your bank and instruct it always to check your fingerprint before cashing any of your checks. This would not only make it exceptionally difficult for the sharpster to raise the amount of your check, but if he managed to do so without leaving evidence of his work he would still have another barrier to hurdle: how to get your fingerprint on the changed check. He won't dare put his own on it.

Time and sad experience have shown that many protective measures employed by businessmen and private parties are now useless worse than useless, in fact, because in some instances the crooks have managed to turn them to their own account.

Bank O. K. Not Sufficient

For instance, most people believe that an excellent way to determine the authenticity of a check is to call the bank upon which it is drawn. It is good to do this, but if you relied exclusively upon the evidence secured in this manner, you would be laying yourself wide open for a neat clipping. You see, the success of some phony-check operators depends largely upon having their victim telephone the bank.

Impossible? Well, recently a dentist in a western city was gypped out of a sizeable sum in cash in addition to a large service fee. The trick was worked easily—but not painlessly, it developed—when the dentist's "patient" insisted that he



Fingerprinting will serve a two-fold purpose if you register your fingerprints with your bank . . .

call the bank before accepting the proffered check. The bank informed the dentist that the check was good.

The check was placed in the cash drawer and the "patient" given his change, which was really what he wanted, and he received a receipt for the dentist's services.

It's only natural that the dentist complimented himself on the day's excellent business. Any hard-working man will do that. Yes, the dentist was all smiles until he sent the check to the bank for payment. Then the telephone rang and there was bad news waiting for him.

"Doctor, you have accepted a forged check," said the voice at the other end of the wire.

It was a hard blow and it is not at all strange that the good dentist swore then and there he would never, under any circumstances, accept another check.

We can't blame him, but had he used fingerprints for his protection—his fingerprints for his protection—he would not have contributed his cash to an unscrupulous swindler.

Several days previous to the "patient" making his call at the dentist's office, bank statements were stelen from mailboxes and the signature copied onto blank checks. So, being in need of dental service, the swindler picked on the unwary dentist. It's likely that he was working with a confederate, for the victim whose name had been forged later reported that a stranger talked to him about a

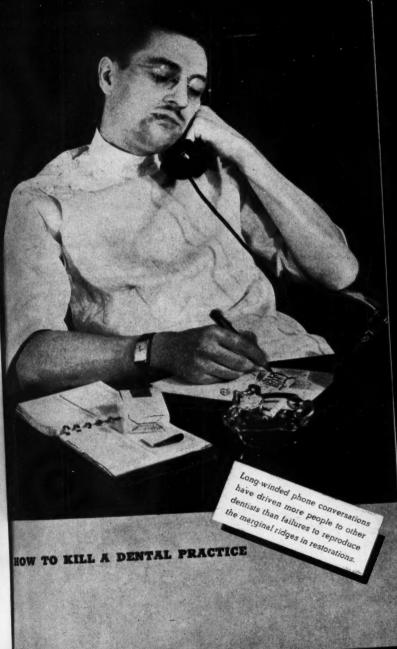
trivial matter on the telephone at about the same time the "patient" was putting over his worthless paper on the dentist. This was merely a safety measure in case the bank got suspicious and started to investigate. Most check swindlers, even today, operate on a maxim laid down years ago by the arch swindler, Joseph "Yellow Kid" Weil, who stated, "Perfect timing is the key to the perfect shakedown."

So, you see, with this perfect timing element, you can be clipped when the bank okays the check.

However, it goes without saying, had the dentist whose name was forged, previously placed his fingerprint on file with the bank, he would have avoided the loss of his money. In fact, no one would have suffered a loss, although it is possible for an expert penman to reproduce a signature that will fool anyone but a handwriting expert.

Yet it is a known fact that a worthless-check operator doesn't have to be a genius with a pen any more. An original signature and a piece of clear glass is all that is needed. A light bulb is placed in a cubic enclosure under the glass. The blank check, on which the signature is to be copied, is placed over the canceled check and both are laid on top of the glass. Then it is merely a tracing job for Mr. Worthless-Check Swindler. Fingerprints will stop him though—your fingerprints and his.

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Authorize Women Dentists:

Women dentists may now become a part of the armed forces. Legislation to authorize their appointment in the Army and Navy for the duration of the war was introduced as H.R. 2892 by Representative Sparkman, Alabama. Congressman Sparkman was author of the recently enacted law permitting appointment of women physicians in the Army and Navy.

On Seeking Assignments:

One morning a lieutenant colonel of the Dental Corps, who is now on duty in North Africa, found a letter in his mail from a friend in the United States requesting advice or suggestions as to how to proceed in order to retain his cousin a first lieutenant in the Dental Corps, on duty at "home stations." In his reply, which was made with great promptness, the lieutenant colonel said:

"With reference to your request for assistance or advice as to retention of your cousin... in home stations, I can only refer you to the decision which I personally have made as to a citizen's obligation and duty to the Country which he proudly claims as his own.

"I believe it is the duty of all citizens to serve the Nation in the capacity for which best fitted if possible, but most certainly wherever such service may be in demand. I do not believe anyone has the right to qualify where that service may be performed during a war.

"You will note that my present address is 'Somewhere in North Africa.' I requested foreign service to better serve my Country if possible, My superiors decided where that service should be rendered. I am proud of the opportunity given me to serve the United States on foreign soil to the best of my abilities.

"I believe that if you will give the matter serious reconsideration, you will agree that as individuals we are but small spokes of a very large community wheel: but it is very necessary that as such small spokes we be perfectly aligned with the hub, in order that the wheel may function properly for the benefit of the community in general.

"I do not believe we should ever attempt to qualify as to location of service in time of war. The matter of assignment of an officer to home stations is the responsibility of the Personnel Officer concerned."

Physical Requirements Lowered:

Under its new regulations reducing physical requirements for the induction of men through Selective Service, the Navy will now accept inductees without any teeth provided they possess healthy gums correctible by dentures. Formerly the Navy required sufficient natural teeth or suitable replacements to supply satisfactory biting function.

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Kansas City (Missouri) Star: Travis E. Kallenbach, dentist and aviator of Saint Louis, is a Captain in the Civilian Air Patrol and has been made Executive Officer of the Missouri Wing, a division which is under the command of Major David W. Kratz.

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Doctor Kallenbach is enthusiastic over the service being given by the CAP, which now has 77,000 members in all parts of the country flying their small planes on coastal patrol at the rate of 87,000 miles a day. The CAP is credited with sinking submarines single-handed off the Atlantic Coast as well as calling for aid that resulted in the sinking of many more. This organization has saved 354 lives of men who were found at sea and has flown 19, 500,000 miles. The courier service, another function of the CAP in which Doctor Kallenbach is active, flies about



21,000 miles a day delivering parts and personnel from one war plant to another.

Long before we entered the war Doctor Kallenbach was an experienced pilot, having made a solo flight over Central America and the Panama Canal. His experiences on this trip were reported in the August, 1940 and subsequent issues of ORAL HYGIENE.

Seattle (Washington) Star: New chairman of the King County Housing Authority in the State of Washington is Cecil V. Englund, dentist of Enumclaw. A Seattle attorney will serve as vice-chairman. The Housing Authority was created three years ago by the Board of County Commissioners and headquarters are in the Fourth and Cherry Building, Seattle.

Lansing (Michigan) State Journal: Doctor David S. K. Daie, associate professor of dentistry in the West China University in Chengtu, China, received his Master of Public Health degree at the University of Michigan. Twenty months ago Doctor Daie was sent to the United States to study public health methods and he plans to return to China this fall to aid in inaugurating a nation-wide dental health program.

Portland (Oregon) Oregonian: Lieutenant Raymond E. Walker, Army dental officer, who was decorated with the Order of the Purple Heart after being wounded at Darwin, Australia, has been promoted to the grade of captain. Fully recovered from his injuries, Captain Walker is still on duty in the South Pacific. He has been in Service since the Spring of 1941, when he was called to active duty from the Reserves.

Syracuse (New York) Herald-Jour-

nal: Commissioned on the same day in the Army Dental Corps, brothers Lieutenant James W. Byers, 37, and Lieutenant Alton D. Byers, 34, arrived together at their first station, the Syracuse Army Air Base. Doctor James Byers was a practicing dentist of Aliquippa, Pennsylvania, and Doctor Alton Byers had an office in Freedom, Pennsylvania. Two brothers of the lieutenants are also in the Army.

Chicago (Illinois) Tribune: Dentists specially trained as paratroopers and qualified to administer first aid and to treat facial injuries helped the troops who spearheaded the invasion of Sicily. They were a part of the greatest force of air-borne troops ever launched by the United States Army. Lieutenant Alexander P. Suer, of Philadelphia, team dentist, landed with the first American paratroop combat team, which reached Sicily four hours before the land in-

vasion. According to paratroop reporter John Thompson, who was also a part of this initial thrust, the entire armada of air-borne troops was accompanied by jumping dentists, physicians, and surgeons, fully equipped with supplies and instruments, beyond anything ever before witnessed in military history. For the first time, too, they carried blood plasma into the field, as well as many types of anesthetics, plaster of Paris to make leg casts, explosives to blast holes in the ground for operating rooms. and a modified version of the marine parachute surgeon's jumping kit, A little more than a year ago the nucleus of this hard-hitting American paratroop combat team was organized, and ever since it has been undergoing the most intensive training. Every member of the team had been made to realize that he was part of a great experiment to determine what part air-borne troops will play in winning the war,

CAN YOU USE A DOLLAR?

To every reader who contributes a newsworthy item, something unusual about a dentist, which is published in Dentists in the News, we will send promptly a crisp, new one dollar bill. Every clipping must be taken from a newspaper and carry the name of the publication and the date line. Clippings submitted cannot be returned. When more than one copy of a clipping is submitted, the first one received will be used. Send all items to: Dentists in the News, ORAL HYGIENE, 708 Church Street, Evanston, Ill.

DEAN FRED W. HINDS DIES

AFTER A LONG and distinguished career in dentistry, Doctor Fred W. Hinds, Dean of Baylor University College of Dentistry, Dallas, Texas, and President of the American Association of Dental Schools, died on June fourth. Doctor Hinds, who had served as Dean at Baylor University for the last fifteen years, was a native of Minnesota. He received his doctor's degree from the University of Minnesota in 1915 and practiced dentistry in Park Rapids until he went to Dallas in 1926. Doctor Hinds is survived in Dallas by his widow; a daughter, Charlotte; and a son, Doctor Edward Hinds.

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Planned economy from a national standpoint is a recognized fact. There is hardly a thing we do in our daily life, but some government regulation affects it, either directly or indirectly. To try to anticipate what the future holds in this respect is a task too great for the average citizen, and I, being just one of the average, do not hope to have the solution.

However I am wondering—what dentistry has in store for us in the future via the planned economy route. There is no doubt that the planners are planning something along this line, as evidenced by the Beveridge plan, and the "cradle to the grave" plan.

Could such a plan operate successfully without either the public or the dental profession or both getting the short end of the bargain? It is possible that the planners know this and might do something about it.

Being a dentist myself and having been associated closely with the profession, I know what the average dentist thinks and how he conducts his practice. It is certain that the average dentist will be difficult to manage under a rule of supervision. Is it possible that the planners know this and accordingly will do something about it too?

I wonder if the present day drafting of many dentists into the armed services is not a prelude to what is to follow. This could be called a test case under supervision. You might term this a sort of softening up process. These dentists are being taught under supervision. A small dose of this now will make it easier to take a larger dose of the same thing later.—HENRY S. MELICHAR, D.D.S., 2100 South Crawford Avenue, Chicago, Illinois.

German Health Insurance

Doctor M. Stiefel, in his article I was a Dentist in The German Army¹ makes some remarks about the health insurance system in postwar Germany which must not pass unchallenged.

Doctor Stiefel is apparently dissatisfied with the health insurance system of the German republic. Moreover, he is opposed to any kind of health insurance and finds it necessary to give unsolicited advice to American dentists in this respect. I am not a dentist, but I am sufficiently acquainted with the German Health Insurance plan to realize the unscientific, antisocial attitude of Doctor Stiefel's article. This contribution to your magazine is obviously dictated by the wish to support all the reactionary forces in American dentistry and medicine which are for the status quo and definitely opposed to any progress.

Now, to the argument itself: Doctor Stiefel objects because after the return from the war, the dentists were flooded with patients because of the health insurance scheme. Let me ask Doctor Stiefel if he would have preferred to see empty offices, medical and dental talent

¹Stiefel, Martin, D.D.S., I Was a Dentist in the German Army, ORAL HYGIENE, 32:1628, (December), 1942

unused or only fractionally employed, at a time when the devastating effects of the last war created a crying demand for the full use of all medical and dental facilities? Moreover, almost the entire population was impoverished to such an extent that it would have been impossible for the great mass of people to pay private practitioners' fees. Without health insurance, more than 75 per cent of the German population would have been forced to resort to charity in order to satisfy a minimum of their medical and dental needs. Thus, without health insurance, the medical and dental profession would have been deprived of millions of marks, which they actually received for medical and dental care rendered; and the population, an object of charity, driven into dispensaries,

There is, of course, the argument about the "cheap" medical or dental service as a consequence of health insurance. This argument is nothing but slander against the honesty and integrity of the medical and dental professions. To believe that the efforts to help suffering humanity are aroused only in proportion to the amount of fee behind each case is an insult, which every honest practitioner true to the ideals of his profession, must reject emphatically.—Jacob Auslander, M.D., 286 West 86th Street, New York City.

Africa Postmark

Despite the fact that most people are of the opinion that barbarous and uncivilized persons inhabit most of Africa, dentistry in this vicinity is quite modern.

There is an ample number of dentists here, French for the most part. Their signs, besides stating that they are surgeon dentists, also invariably tell the school attended. There are no American dentists practicing here, but there are those who, for the sake of prestige, advertise "Americain Dentiste." I went to see one such dentist and his English was of a vague and unfamiliar variety.

Most of the dentists are general practitioners. The popular American specialties like orthodontia and oral surgery are lacking.

Dentists wear white gowns and white caps and have an air about them that makes one think they are ready to step into the operating room to do that appendectomy.

Gold work is scarce and the metal itself quite rare. To get a gold restoration the patient must present the dentist with an amount of gold equivalent to that used in the restoration. This results in many of the "gold" restorations falling somewhere below 14 karat. Most bridgework is done, for this reason, in a non-precious metal that resembles gold in appearance.

Bridgework, in the main, is executed by means of full crown abutments in this material. The occlusal surface is cast almost invariably. Inlay and three-quarter crown abutments for bridges are rare since esthetics, for one thing, is apparently not a factor. I have seen many natives with anterior full metal crowns—almost everyone has one.

The operators are adept in the use of plaster and obtain fine impressions with it. Their plasters seem to have reached a higher stage of perfection than ours, in that they have finer consistencies and give sharp accurate impressions.

It seems to me that American dentists could do well in Northwest Africa because of the prestige they have. The living conditions here in peacetime are said to be very nice if one does not tire easily of the antics and customs of the Arabs.—Lieutenant Irving I. Weinger, (DC), A.P.O. No. 668, c/o Postmaster, New York City.

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THE PAY-AS-YOU-GO TAX BILL

By SAMUEL HACKER, C.P.A.

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THE CURRENT TAX Payment of 1943, known as the Pay-as-you-go Tax Bill, affects practicing dentists as individuals and as employers. Dentists who inform themselves on these regulations now will avoid inconvenience and penalties later.

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Effect on Practitioners as Individuals

1. Cancellation of one year's

The lower of your 1942 or 1943 tax is canceled in full, if it does not exceed \$50. If the tax is between \$50 and \$66.67, \$50 is canceled and the balance is payable March 15, 1944. If the tax exceeds \$66.67, 75 per cent is canceled. The balance of 25 per cent is payable, one-half on March 15, 1944, and one-half on March 15, 1945.

2. Anti-Windfall Tax

This tax probably does not affect our readers. It concerns only those taxpayers whose surtax net income for the tax year being canceled (1942 or 1943 as the case may be), is \$20,000 greater than

the highest income year from 1937 through 1940. Such excess is taxed at high rates, the details of which are not given here because of lack of space. The first payment on the Anti-Windfall tax is due March 15, 1945.

3. 1943 Taxes for Practitioners
You are now on a current basis.
The quarterly payments you made
on March 15 and June 15, 1943,
apply against your 1943 Income
Tax. On September 15, 1943, file
an estimate of your 1943 tax and
show the balance due after deducting the March 15 and June 15 installments. Pay one-half the remaining tax. The balance of onehalf will be paid on December 15,
1943.

On March 15, 1944, file your 1943 Income Tax Return, indicating your exact liability. Deduct the four payments made in 1943, and pay the balance. If the payments you made on account exceed the exact liability, the excess applies against your 1944 tax.

On the same date, file your Victory Tax Return, which is based on 5 per cent of your Victory Tax net income, less your exemption of \$624, and credits for U. S. bond purchases, debt reduction, and life insurance premiums paid. These credits are limited to 25 per cent of the Victory Tax for single persons (\$500 maximum credit) and 40 per cent of the Victory Tax for married persons (\$1000 maximum credit), plus 2 per cent of the Victory Tax for each dependent (\$100 maximum credit).

You will have two other matters to take care of on March 15, 1944. First, you must file an estimate of your 1944 tax liability and you must pay one-fourth of the estimated tax. Be sure your estimate is reasonably accurate, because you will be subject to a 6 per cent penalty if your estimate is lower than 80 per cent of your final tax. Estimates may be revised June 15, September 15, and December 15. Second, you must pay one-half of the uncanceled 25 per cent of one year's taxes, or if the canceled year's tax was \$66.67 or less, then you must pay the difference between \$66.67 and \$50.00.

Effect on Practitioners as Employers

Commencing with pay periods beginning July 1, 1943, you will withhold 20 per cent of all dentists' attendants' salaries and commissions, less the specified exemptions. Or else you can withhold the specified amounts according to salary range, as shown in the printed tables available at your local collector's office. If your pay period runs from Monday to Saturday, your first withholding will be on salaries for the week ending July 10, 1943. There is no withholding for domestic service in a private home, or for casual labor not in the course of your profession.

Each employee must file a declaration with you showing personal status and number of dependents. Married employees may split the exemptions equally or else one may take the full marriage exemption and the other may take mone. The chief exemptions are shown in the accompanying table.

The 20 per cent withholding in-

STATUS	WEEKLY	SEMI-MONTHLY	MONTHLY
Head of Family or Married Person Claiming Full Exemption	\$24	\$52	\$104
Single Person, or Married Person Claiming one half Exemption	\$12	\$2 6	\$52
Each Dependent (Excluding first one for those claiming Head			
of Family Exemption)	\$6	\$13	\$26

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MILITARY AND NAVAL PERSONNEL

Commencing with 1943, taxpayers in active service of the United States, or of any of the other United Nations, may exclude \$1,500 from their military compensation, in addition to their exemption of \$500, if single, and \$1200, if married, or head of a family. In effect, 1942 and 1943 Income Taxes are virtually wiped out, except for Service men or women with large unearned incomes, because a special provision cancels out the 1942 earned income, even though 1942 is the higher income tax year. Furthermore, all unpaid income taxes are canceled for such members of the armed forces who died after December 7, 1941.

cludes 17 per cent for Income Tax and 3 per cent for Victory Tax. If an employee's exemption, as outlined here, is higher than his salary then you withhold instead, only the 3 per cent Victory Tax, less the following exemptions for all persons, regardless of status:

Weekly	\$12
Semi-monthly	\$26
Monthly	\$52

If you withhold more than \$100 per month from your employees, then you must remit such withheld amounts monthly. Otherwise, they will be payable quarterly.

How Your Employees are Affected

On March 15, 1944, your employees will file and pay their 1943 Victory and Income Taxes, taking credit for the following:

A. 5 per cent Victory Taxes withheld from January 1, 1943, to June 30, 1943.

B. 20 per cent taxes withheld from July 1, 1943 to December 31, 1943.

C. Income Tax payments made March 15, 1943 and June 15, 1943.

In addition, if the abated tax (1942 or 1943 as the case may be) was between \$50 and \$66.67, they will pay on March 15, 1944, the excess above \$50. If the abated tax exceeded \$66.67, they will pay one half of the uncanceled 25 per cent on March 15, 1944. The remaining one half of the uncanceled 25 per cent will be paid on March 15, 1945.

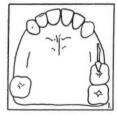
The 20 per cent withholding tax was designed to include incomes up to \$2,700, if single, and \$3,500 if married. If an employee's salary exceeds these amounts, or if his income from other sources exceeds \$100 he must file estimates just as you do, and must pay quarterly installments covering such estimates,

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Conducted by W. EARLE CRAIG, D.D.S.

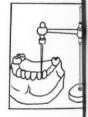
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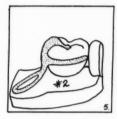
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Cast Clasps

By J. Arthur Malcolm, D.D.S.



With half-round wax forms, wax up clasps on model 2.



Cut off each tooth with carved clasp from model 2.

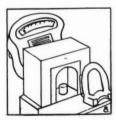


Attach sprue at heaviest section of clasp, in such manner that gold flows forward at all places if possible.



Paint with "debubbleizing" solution. Invest, using investment of the same consistency as used for pouring model 2.

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Burn out at 1290°-1300° F. Cast. Plunge ring into cold water. Pickle in 50% solution of H₂SO₄.



After grinding and adjusting on model 1, temper by laying casting on a screen above a Bunsen flame until straw colored. Allow to cool.

Editorial Comment

"Give me the liberty to know, to utter, and to argue freely according to my conscience above all liberties," John Milton

A CURRENT QUANDARY

ALTHOUGH THE legislatures of most states have passed laws barring the advertising dentist, there is a crop of newly-spawned advertisers appearing in some parts of the country. These people have sprung into being to avoid military service. Under the present ruling of the War and Navy Departments advertising dentists and other unethical practitioners are not given commissions in the Dental Corps. To receive a commission membership in the American Dental Association is not mandatory although conformation to the ethical standards of the Association is required. An advertiser is not eligible for a commission, according to the regulations of the Procurement and Assignment Serv. ice. The Selective Service System is not disposed to induct dentists and physicians as privates. This situation has given some of the schemers an opportunity to evade service. If a dentist hangs out a large sign, passes out a few handbills, and is a bit blatant, the local Procurement and Assignment chairman will report that he is not eligible for a commission. Then, should the Selective Service call the advertiser, he can claim he is essential or that he is being discriminated against and is a victim of a plot and persecution. He can maintain that he is licensed to practice dentistry and, therefore, should be given the same consideration as any other licensed dentist. What he does not know is that the Procurement and Assignment will not declare any advertiser "essential" to the welfare of the community. Thus he is wide open for induction as a private, if he is within the military age.

The Selective Service has not been anxious to induct dentists as privates. They have been ordered to keep hands off those professional people who come under the Procurement and Assignment Service. If they induct even an advertising dentist the hue and cry will be raised from dental societies as well as from the advertiser that dentists are being taken into the Service as enlisted men. If the board gives the advertiser an occupational deferment because the Procurement and Assignment Service did not declare him available for a commission, the protest will be made that the advertiser is being given preferential treatment and is the recipient of professional privilege.

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The exact authority of the Procurement and Assignment Service must be defined as it applies to all dentists. At present this Service passes on the availability of dentists for the military forces. The Procurement and Assignment can send an invitation to a dentist to apply for a commission. The dentist can file the paper in the wastebasket or may accept the invitation. If he passes the physical examination he may accept or reject the commission offered to him. If he should refuse the commission the Procurement and Assignment Service can so advise the local draft board. If he is over 38 there is nothing that the draft hoard can do. If he is under 38 he can stand on his dependency claims the same as any other citizen with the clear knowledge that there is nothing under the present Selective Service regulations that will allow him to be inducted in a fashion different from any other citizen with a similar dependency classification. The dentist in common with other citizens is aware that it is unlikely that fathers with one or more children under 18 will be inducted before January 1, 1944. The Procurement and Assignment Service is an organization without authority. It can compel no one to do anything.

The military forces keep demanding more and more dentists for duty. The demand will be for about 5000 more dentists before the year is out. It may be difficult to fill this quota. The fervent patriots and most of the young unmarried men are already in Service. Those who remain at home are the indifferent, the oldsters, the infirm, and the men with legitimate dependency claims. No one, including the government, wishes to destroy family life or to take the "lame, the halt, and the blind." There are, however, here and there in the profession, young, robust fellows, under 38, without dependent children, who are enjoying the harvest of present profitable practice. The Procurement and Assignment Service has an eye on these fellows; so has the Selective Service. Neither agency is being fooled. Before the year's end some of the dentists in this category may expect a surprise. They have been given the voluntary opportunity to serve. The next step may be compulsory. They have been warned!

Eduard J. Ryan

Ask Oral Hygiene

Please communicate directly with the Department Editors, V. Clyde Smedley, D.D.S., and George R. Warner, M.D., D.D.S., 1206 Republic Building, Denver, Colorado, enclosing postage for a personal reply.

Swelling Under Lip

Q.—I have a patient, a woman, 58, who is receiving treatment for diabetes. At present she is receiving injections of liver and Vitamin B about every two weeks.

For several months she has had a swollen area underneath her lip and it appears inflamed. It is not from any tooth disturbance.

It is a new observation in diabetic patients and I am interested to know what significance the swelling may have.
—S. A. F., Michigan.

A.—It is difficult to account for the swelling under the lip in the case of your diabetic patient.

One author; lists twelve oral manifestations in diabetes mellitus, but no swelling, other than gingival, is given.

The attending physician should be consulted as to the possibility of the liver and Vitamin B injections having any connection with the swelling.

Possibly a roentgenogram of the region would disclose an underlying cause that is not apparent on

ocular examination.

I don't think of anything else, but would be interested in hearing from you if you do discover the cause of the swelling.—GEORGE R. WARNER.

Vincent's Infection

Q.—Recently I had an experience that has troubled me considerably. For many years I have had, as patients, a family

¹Comroe, Collins, and Crane: Internal Medicine in Dental Practice Philadelphia, Lea and Febiger, 1938. from a small railroad center. Two months ago the son of this family, a young man of about 20, came to me with a mild case of Vincent's infection. As usual I treated this with hydrogen peroxide and a 7 percent chromic acid solution, first flooding the mouth with full strength hydrogen peroxide, then damming off a section with cotton and applying a drop of the chromic acid in and around the affected area. After half a minute I applied a drop of hydrogen peroxide in each interspace.

The case was complicated by a partly erupted lower third molar on left side with a deep cavity. I knew I could not extract this molar for fear of serious, perhaps fatal, consequences. So I proceeded to treat the Vincent's infection. I had given four treatments when the patient stopped coming. After several days I went to see his family and found they had taken the young man to another

dentist.

It seems he, causing great pain to the young man, had taken a lance and cut deep around the third molar and thus relieved the pain that in my opinion had its origin there. Of course, I lost the patient and the rest of the family.

I tried to explain to them the danger of working about that third molar while the Vincent's infection was present but to no avail. They said that something had to be done because the young man could not eat or sleep. After two weeks or more I sent my bill for \$8.00 for the four treatments given, and I feel they do not intend to pay it. Was my treatment correct? In what way did I fail to do my duty?—C. E. C., Ohio.

A.—Your treatment for Vincent's infection is one of the many approved methods and your three treatments had probably cleared up the condition sufficiently to make the other procedure I am

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I am wondering if this young man's pain was not caused more from the cavity in the third molar than from the Vincent's infection. If so, you could have stopped his pain, and kept this family as patients, by partly excavating the decay and placing a dressing of sedative cement in the cavity.—V. CLYDE SMEDLEY.

Denture Materials

Q.-Will you please answer the following questionnaire?

1. What is a good cementing substance to repair a broken model? Will it stand vulcanizing or processing?

2. What preparations are necessary to send to a dental laboratory to have an acrylic resin inlay made?

3. Are acrylic resin inlays a success?
4. In setting up denture teeth is it better to use anteriors the same width as the natural teeth were or to use slightly narrower teeth to make the arch smaller and the leverage less?

5. I have read that manufacturers of dental vulcanite rubber have "done something" to it which makes it less durable than it was years ago. Is that true? I have known at least one woman who said she had worn her upper vulcanite denture for 50 years. It seems to me that modern rubber does not do so well.

6. Is mottled (granular) rubber, more durable than plain pink rubber?

7. I have read in a dental magazine that a plaster impression should be given a coat of shellac or sanderac immediately after removing it from the mouth; otherwise, it will shrink. Is there anything to

8. What is your opinion of so-called plastic teeth?

9. If a nerve be blocked back of an infected tooth, why should there be any more pain in extracting it than in the case of a healthy tooth?

10. Do nickel pins corrode when used in acrylic resin as they do in vulcanite? 11. Why does trismus more often occur

11. Why does trismus more often occur from the extraction of a lower molar than from the extraction of an upper molar—or any other tooth?

12. It is my understanding that the cause of a "dry socket" is not known. Is that true?—S. C. H., Kansas.

A.—1. Liquid celluloid, celluloid film, or any other scraps of celluloid dissolved in acetone make an excellent repair of a broken plaster or stone cast. Yes, it stands vulcanizing well.

2. A good white inlay wax model of a cavity, with ample retentive form and the correct shade to match the tooth, is all a good laboratory should require to make satisfactory acrylic inlays.

3. We feel that acrylic inlays are decidedly a success when placed with care and judgment. Acrylic is much less brittle than porcelain, but is, of course, more friable and less resistant than gold and should be used with due consideration of its limitations.

4. In my opinion, the anterior artificial teeth should duplicate the natural teeth as accurately as possible with the exception of those cases where a change is desirable to improve a person's appearance.

5. I have no information to the effect that manufacturers of dental rubbers have intentionally lessened the quality of their products. It would certainly seem that, with business being seriously threatened by the plastics, they would make every effort to improve rather than depreciate their vulcanite. It is a fact though, that my experience has been disappointing during recent years with several different makes of vulcanite.

6. It has been my observation that granular pink is likely to be less durable than plain pink rubber.

7. Plaster impressions should not only be painted immediately with

varnish or whatever you use as a separating medium, but they should be poured immediately also.

8. I like the new plastic teeth very much, especially for short bite and individual tooth replacements. A beautiful match for the natural teeth can be made and they are less brittle than porcelain and are, therefore, desirable where fracturing is a problem, but I feel that they are too soft and, therefore, subject to too rapid wear for general use instead of porcelain.

9. Inflamed or congested tissue, of course, does not absorb procaine and adrenalin readily, but where the nerve is thoroughly blocked at considerable distance from the inflamed area, that is the mandibular block, the anesthesia should be complete so far as the nerve supply from the inferior dental nerve is

concerned.

10. If any moisture seeps in between the acrylic and the teeth, as it does with vulcanite, the pin corrosion should be the same.

11. Since the lower jaw is the movable member, naturally lower molar extractions are more likely to cause strain, or trauma, on the

temporomandibular joint.

12. The immediate cause of "dry socket" is, of course, obviously the breaking down of the blood clot in the socket, and it seems logical that this is more likely to occur in cases of long standing chronic infection where nature has thrown up a wall of dense bone around the tooth root.—V. CLYDE SMEDLEY.

Replacing Central

Q.—In your judgment what is the best way to replace an upper right central for a boy, 14. His other teeth are in good condition. I am not in favor of a removable restoration in a youngster's mouth. My idea is to use an open-faced gold crown on the lateral with a spur against the central. What do you think

of this?

I also have a patient, 68, with two large bony knots on the lower jaw opposite the bicuspids on the lingual side. Something will have to be done before he can use a denture. Am I likely to have difficulty in excising them.—D. S. L., Kansas.

A.—A temporary bridge with a porcelain facing soldered to well-fitted orthodontia bands on both central and lateral is preferable, in my judgment, to the open-faced crown idea. When the pulps have receded sufficiently to make cavity preparation a safe procedure, the temporary bridge should be replaced with a new fixed bridge with

pin inlay abutments.

The bony prominences that you refer to are torus linguales. They are non-pathologic and there is usually no need of removing them unless a full denture is to be worn. In preparing such a mouth for a full denture, a generous gum flap is laid back and the prominences are reduced with chisels, or bone burs. They consist of hard dense bone, and are, therefore, not easily removed.—V. CLYDE SMEDLEY.

Recurring Pains

Q.—I should like your opinion on a case that I do not know how to handle. The following is a case history as given to me:

My patient is a man about 55 in good physical condition, who complains of severe pains in his lower right jaw. He had a lower right third molar that was impacted and was removed about four years ago and since then the pains have developed. These pains seem to start in the region where the third molar was removed and travel forward to the mental foramen, though at times they seem to center in the upper lip on the right

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side. At other times they cause soreness in the right side of his face. The pains are sharp and come on at any time and will last from five minutes to about half an hour. They appear to be worse, however, when he is sitting still or lying down at night.

The onset of these pains was about a month after the third molar was removed, and the rest of the teeth on that side were taken out within about a year of that time. The pains started slowly and would recur for a day or two and would not appear again for two or three months, but have been worse within the past year and have been more or less continuous for the past two or three

The patient has lost several of his upper teeth and is wearing a cast vitallium partial. The teeth on the lower right side are all out, back of the first bicuspid. The balance of the lower teeth are in situ and in fair condition, though he has a slight amount of pyorrhea in both upper and lower gums.

These pains recur very much like I would imagine that a tic douloureux would though I have never had a case. The enclosed roentgenogram was taken of the region where the third molar was removed and where the pain seems to start.—C. M. R., Kansas.

A.—The roentgenogram enclosed with your letter shows a normal mandible so far as I can determine.

The type of pain of which your patient complains is sometimes caused by pressure within the mandibular canal. However, I can see no evidence of abnormality in the canal in your case.

In tic douloureux the pain is sharp and lasts only a short time. The pain is so severe that the patient's face is drawn and he is in terror for fear of another paroxysm. Then there is usually a trigger point, some place on the face, which when touched, will bring on a paroxysm of pain.

It might be hyperesthesia of the inferior dental nerve, resulting from injury to the nerve when the third molar was removed. But in such cases the lower lip is affected.

It would be wise to consult a neurologist to clear up the diagnosis.—George R. Warner.

Canker Sores

Q.—What would you advise for canker sores?—P. E. Z., California.

A.—Canker sores or acute aphthous stomatitis must be, according to Prinz and Greenbaum,² differentiated from recurrent canker sores or chronic intermittent recurrent aphthae.

If your patient has the common canker sores, I believe you may assume that they are an allergic manifestation. The correctness of this assumption can be proved or disproved by food tests, or by the patient knowing that the canker sores come after eating certain foods. I have one patient who has canker sores after eating English walnuts. I have another who found by food tests that wheat caused her canker

Some people have canker sores if they overeat or have what they call an "upset stomach."—George R. Warner.

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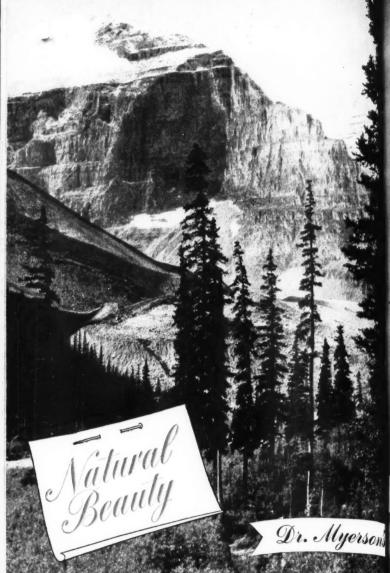
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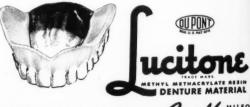


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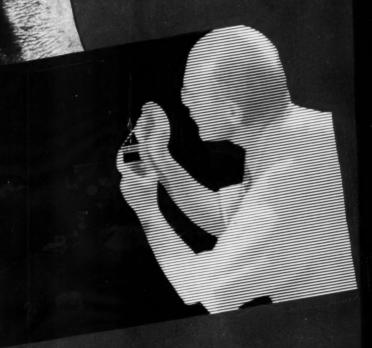
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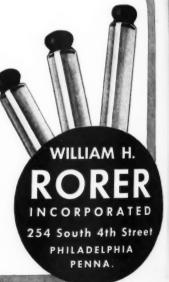
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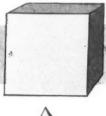
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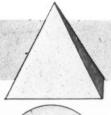


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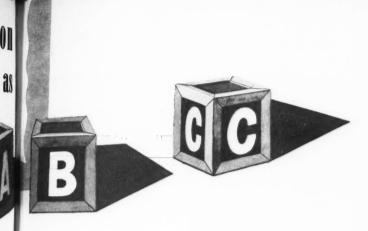




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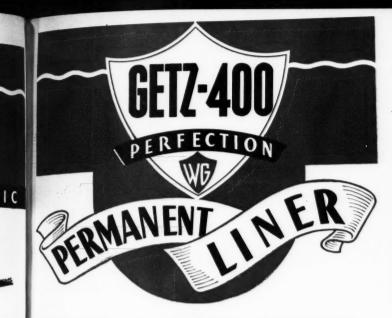
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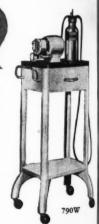
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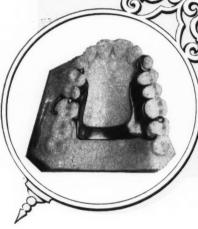
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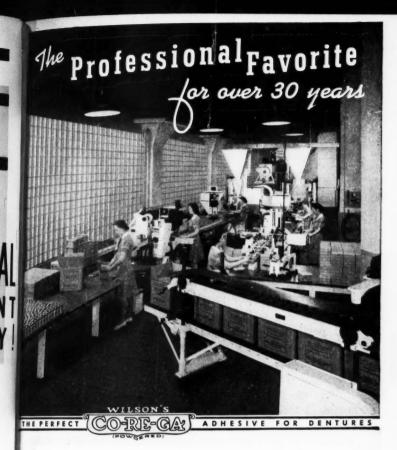
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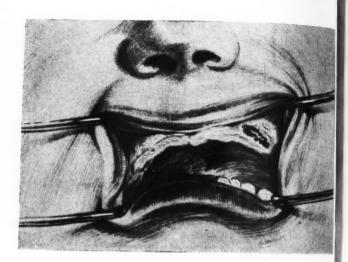
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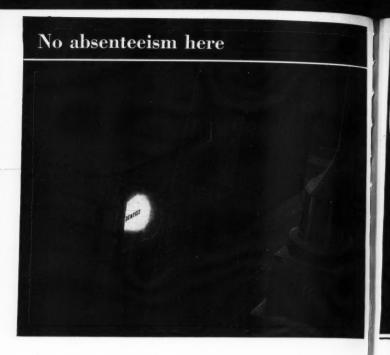
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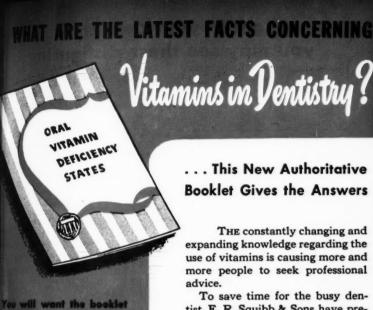
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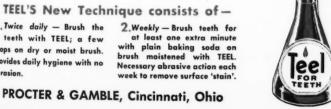
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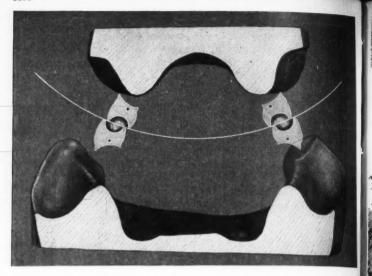
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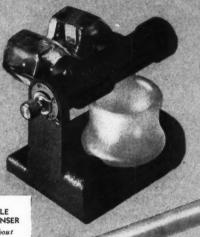
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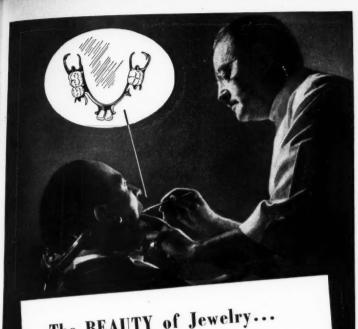
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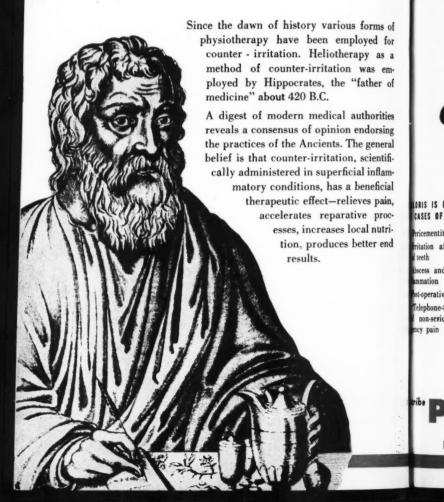
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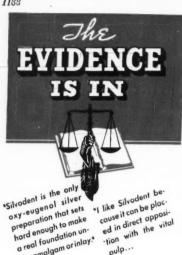
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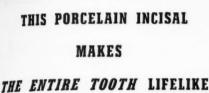
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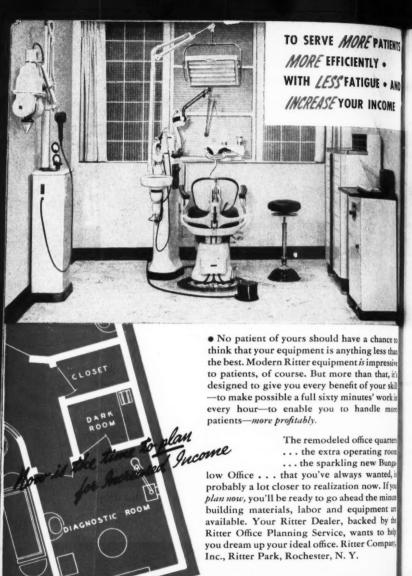
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